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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Soviet Industrial Military Complex

1. I think we should have, I believe I have talked to Bob about it generally, a picture of what I would call a microeconomic picture of the Soviet industrial military complex, or at least of its major developments. I am talking about something which would lay out plants, their relationship to civilian plants, and major industrial complexes in the Soviet Union. This came through to me in the work which the Pentagon did in demanding to know how the proposed new harvester combine facility would be located in same area and industrial complex with its skills and labor market as self-propelled artillery equipment, etc. I look to this for a better understanding of the technology transfer possibilities but also of the momentum which may require the Soviets to continue turning out tanks and other standard weapons beyond their own military needs and spread them around the world. Another way of putting this is, are their military production lines so single purpose that there is great pressure to keep them going to keep people working, to respond to bureaucratic compulsions or to get standardized long term production lines which would cut their weapon costs down sharply.

2. I understand that the nuclear plants and programs are much more closely integrated in weapon production than ours, and that they get a large share of their nuclear stockpiles as a by-product of nuclear production.

3. I would like to have sized up the potential and requirements of this kind of broad microanalysis, plant by plant, product by product, of the major elements of the Soviet industrial military complex.

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